

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,

Pastor Erik Swanson

Eik Sware

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

July 18, 2021

Reflection:

"True sonship involves responsibilities, for which each person must be prepared by discipline." – Guthrie

"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights." - Proverbs

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship - from Psalm 71

Minister: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

People: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

Minister: You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me

again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

People: You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

Minister: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

People: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

Minister: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;

my soul also, which you have redeemed.

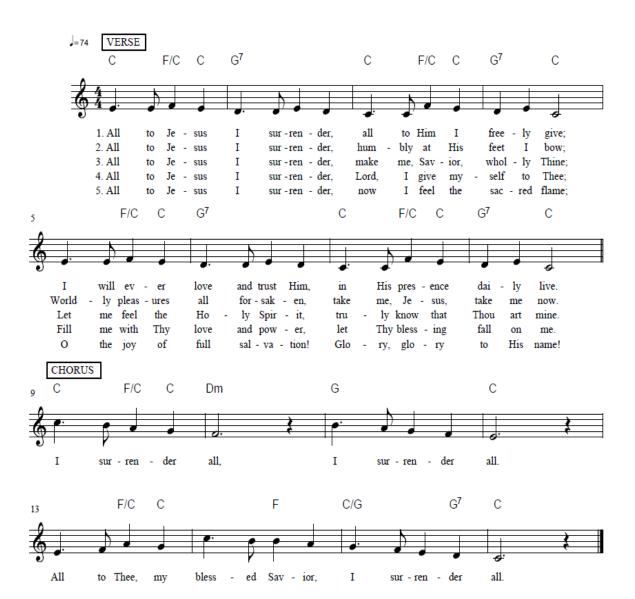
People: And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,

for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do

me hurt.

Prayer of Praise

I Surrender All



What A Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater; What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Bridge

Death could not hold You,
The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

Bridge

You have no rival,
You have no equal.
Now and forever God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is,
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Ending

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Scripture Reading – *Proverbs 3:11-12*

Steve Harman

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Minister: Great King of compassion and Lover of our souls,

All: Forgive all our sins for the sake of Christ. Keep us from trusting in

anything except your grace. Pour out upon us your mercy, and grant that we may be strengthened each day by your Holy Spirit, to

serve you in the joy of liberty. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Psalm 32:1-2, 5*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

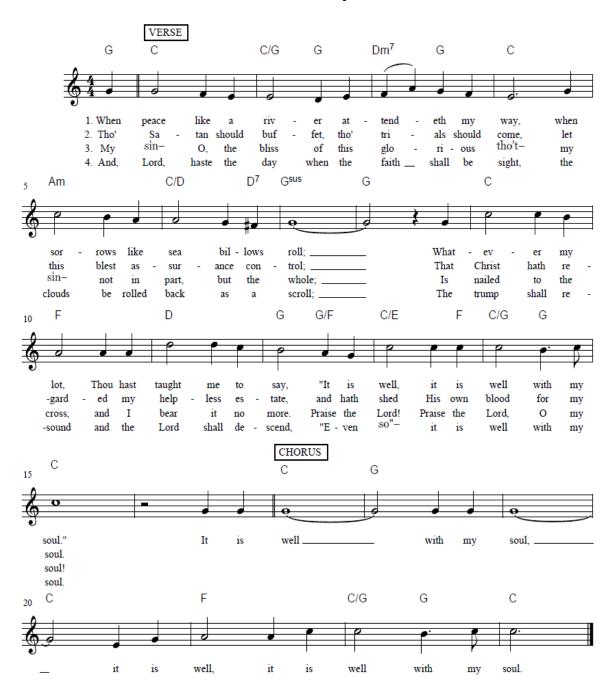
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

It Is Well with My Soul



Prayers of the People

Missions Moment - Tim and Therese Galage

Erik Swanson

Ministry Moment – Stories of New Life

Jan Dunnick

Offering Our Gifts

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

Doxology:

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading – *Hebrews 12:1-17*

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Sermon: The Lord Disciplines Those He LovesPastor Erik Swanson

Series: Jesus Is Better

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available. If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper but mobility is limited, kindly let Pastor Erik or one of the elders know. They are happy to serve you in the pew.

Prayer

Words of Institution – from I Corinthians 11

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Communing Together

Allowing space for other family units, please come up front to take communion. After you have been served the bread and wine, please partake and dispose of the communion cup prior to returning to your seat. Use the extra time during communion as a time for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ Is Risen

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross,
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us,
Freely You've bled for us.

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead,
We are one with Him again Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bowed to none but heaven's will;
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength You reign;
Forever let Your church proclaim.

Bridge

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
The glory of God has defeated the night.
Singing: O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
Our God is not dead - He's alive, He's alive!

Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Sending:

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*All songs are either public domain or licensed under CCLI #2410623.

This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun 7/18	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 7/18	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 7/21	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 7/21	10:30 AM	Moms' Group	See page 15
W 7/21	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun 7/25	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 7/25	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$114,153.76	\$119,471.80
Week of 7/11	\$4,076.92	\$5195.00

Announcements

- RUF-International Penn State ~ Pedals for a Purpose 2021: This program was such a success in 2020 as an outreach to international students that Richard Smith is planning it again. If you have any good used bikes to donate please contact Marlene Spark at 717-676-8385 for pick-up/delivery arrangements. Please note that RUF will be able to perform minor maintenance (tires, chains), but nothing major (wheels, gear cables). Monetary donations are also welcome! The bikes are needed by the end of July, so respond soon!
- Missionary Report in Sunday School: One of our missionaries will be at New Life on Sunday, August 1. Please come to this special Sunday school class at 9:00 AM to hear an update on their ministry.
- **CEF 5-Day Club:** Mark your calendars for August 2-6, 9:30-11:30 AM, for a Children's Evangelism Fellowship 5-Day Club at New Life. Help is needed for the second hour to provide crafts, snack, and activities.
- Women's Book Club: This summer, we are reading A Change of Affection by Beckett Cook. On Saturday, August 21 at 9:30 AM, we will meet at the home of Marlene Spark for brunch and discussion. Please bring a dish to share if you can, otherwise just bring yourself! Please pass this information on to anyone who read the book and would like to join us. Contact Marlene at 717-676-8385 for more details.
- **JUST PEACHY:** SILVERS!! Get ready for some peachy treats on Saturday evening August 21 at 6:00 PM. Watch for the sign-up sheet and dig up your favorite peach recipe.
- 2nd Annual Fall Camping Trip will be at Codorus State Park from Thursday, September 9 through Sunday, September 12. Come when you can; leave when you need to. Book ASAP: if you want electric sites, book as close as possible to sites 87, 89, 90, 91, and 94; if you want non-electric, book as close as possible to 140-142 or 84-86. All of New Life is invited for a 6:00 PM potluck dinner on Saturday, September 11.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School Class is offered for adults at 9:00 AM. (Children and youth are on break for the summer.)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Anyone interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text is welcome to join us at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Morning Moms' Group: We are meeting at a pool this summer. Bring your snack or lunch and join us at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings for fun in the pool and prayer time together. Contact Joy Swanson at 717-501-6083 for location and more information.

Men's Group: Men meet at New Life every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 8:00 AM. We are discussing a number of male characters from the Bible. Contact Rob Rothermel at rrothe01@gmail.com.

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for information at kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.

Prayer Small Group: Anyone wishing to join us in prayer is welcome here at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 9:00 AM. Contact Sue Rothermel at rothermelfam@gmail.com.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) resumes in September. We will study the book of Matthew. Sign up online at bsfinternational.org. Contact Joe Heidler at jvheidler@comcast.net with questions.

Discipleship Groups: Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

Community Group is designed to be a microcosm of the church. It is an intergenerational gathering of men, women, and children; whatever age or stage of life you find yourself in, you are welcome. Currently our one group meets at the Swanson's home (usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) to enjoy food, fellowship, a discussion of the Scriptures, and prayer.

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.

Mission: To receive the grace of God, to give the glory to God,

and to follow the Word of God.

Core Values:

• His Voice: While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the

Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.

• **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to

follow Him in His mission.

His Grace: The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves by grace. Through

faith, we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.

• **His Power:** Only God has power to save and sustain His people. We depend

on the Holy Spirit.

• **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and

diversity, we must love one another.

• **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are all gifts from

God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to

serve gratefully.

• **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands. Therefore, we trust in His ways.

For more information, please visit: http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html

New Life Presbyterian Church, (717) 855-2360 970 Cape Horn Rd., York, PA 17402 kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com